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All the pain and pleasure you can take at the Fetish Ball '08 in Halifax - more on page 9!

Saint John Screening Of For The Bible Tells Me So

by Daniel Mark Wheaton

It's okay to be a gay Christian. That was the message delivered to a small audience at a theatre in Saint John, N.B. in early March. The group of about 20 people gathered for a film screening put on by Port City Rainbow Pride.

The film, *For the Bible Tells Me So*, relates the story of five Christian families coming to grips with the fact that one of their own is gay.

It reveals the true stories of how former House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt dealt with his daughter's coming out and how the parents of Episcopal Bishop Gene Robinson came to terms with his being gay.

The film tells about how Jake Reitan, who came out to his at-first-disapproving parents at 15

years old, later went with them to the headquarters of Focus on the Family to tell Dr. James Dobson how they felt about his anti-gay ministries.

A mother talks about how her disapproval eventually led to the suicide of her daughter. An African-American family continues to love their lesbian daughter but refuses to ever accept her lifestyle.

The film addresses the misinterpretation of the Bible that leads many people to abandon God and the church entirely upon accepting their homosexuality.

And it does so in a way that hit close to home for the Saint John audience.

Softly-spoken words of agreement or understanding were directed from seats in the darkened theatre at the characters on the big



Event producer Carl Trickey introduces the movie

screen. The occasional tear was wiped from the faces of viewers who related closely to the journeys

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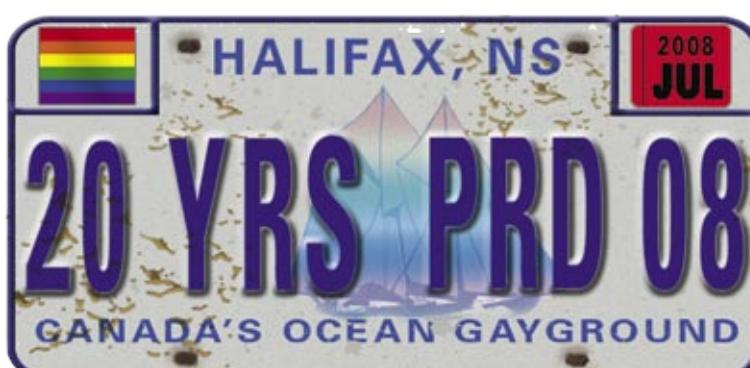
Halifax Pride is Bustin' Out All Over!

By Hugo Dann, Co-Chair, Halifax Pride 2008

It must seem like Halifax Pride has been keeping a pretty low profile so far, but things have been ticking away behind the scenes, and - if you'll allow the pyrotechnical metaphor, it is our 20th Anniversary after all - we're bursting forth in a glorious fireworks display of announcements and events. By the time you read this, we'll have held our first Community Forum on Pride 2008 (thanks to Venus Envy for hosting!) and the next one will be taking place on Thursday, April 17, visit our website for time and location. There will be another of these open meetings on May 15, and one on June 19 as well. These forums are opportunities for you to let us know what you'd like to see in Pride Week '08, to meet the Board and hear the latest news, and maybe join our fabulous team of volunteers. Of course you don't have to wait 'til then, you can always contact Volunteer Coordinator, Trent Slaunwhite, by emailing him at

volunteers@halifaxpride.com. Visit our website, click on Volunteers and read our Volunteer Policy.

We're very pleased to announce that Lee-Anne Poole is returning to Pride as our new Artistic Producer



to oversee the programming for Pride Week. We have also been working with an exceptionally talented young graphic designer, Wade Carroll. Wade is overseeing all of the design and marketing for Pride 2008 and is the man behind our fabulous 20th Anniversary logo. You can see more of Wade's

work by visiting the website and clicking Sponsorship and opening up our sponsorship package. Partnership Opportunities '08.

There have been a few other changes to the Board of Directors

Raymond enough for their efforts and we'll be overjoyed to have them back with us soon! Andy Hewlett, in addition to continuing as Parade Coordinator has taken over from Kim as Vice Chair and is sharing media duties with Maggie Haywood and myself. We've also welcomed Kris Figueiro as our new Youth Representative on the Board. Kris is an exemplar of the kind of informed and committed young LGBT citizens that are coming through the Youth Project - a credit to himself, the YP and now to Halifax Pride. Welcome aboard!

I can hear you saying, "Hey Buddy! What about those fiery (!) colourful (!!!) explosive (!!!) events you were talking about?" First up is our fabulous auction with great deals on theatre tickets, fashion and beauty products and stuff for the home. Next is the return of Rockin' The Gaybourhood! This fantastic showcase of the best LGBT music, as well as an awesome Retro "T - Dance" - just the

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Nova Scotia HIV Stigma Project

By Angus Campbell

In response to the stigma and discrimination experienced by people with HIV/AIDS in (PHA's) in our province, a new project funded by the Mental Health Association of Nova Scotia is underway. The AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia in Halifax will oversee the project in partnership with the Northern AIDS Connection Society in Truro and the AIDS Coalition of Cape Breton in Sydney.

Stigma and discrimination can do real damage to people's lives affecting someone's work, housing, medical services, safety, fear and depression. The impact on a PHA's mental health is exactly why a project of this kind is necessary.

Eliminating stigma altogether requires a paradigm shift, and some may think this is unrealistic, but studies show that through a variety of methods something can be done about stigma and discrimination on many levels.

Watch for the full media release in next month's Wayves.

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PriapeWear Contest Comes to Atlantic Canada

By Ralph Higgins

Many people will remember the Mr. PriapeWear contest of 2007 as the contest that didn't happen... at least not in Halifax. So, when I heard about the contest this year I had two questions: What went wrong last year and how will this year be different?

Doug Melanson, one of the owners of Menz Bar where the contest was to have taken place, said that of the five men who applied last year, no one was contacted by Priape to say their application had been received and then at the last minute they were told there had to be a minimum of seven applicants—the same number as required in large centres like Toronto or Montreal.

Michael Ain of Priape agrees there were administrative problems, which have now been fixed

and this year there will be no minimum number of applicants for Halifax. He went on to say, "Priape apologizes for the flaws in the first year of the contest but as we grow internationally we also want to further develop our Canadian component and we are eager to develop a good relationship with Atlantic Canada."

Doug and David's initial reluctance has changed to enthusiasm about hosting this exciting showcase for east coast talent. And where better to display these manly marvels than at Menz Bar's new location—a kind of double new beginning! On May 18, the Victoria Day weekend, at 2182 Gottingen Street, second level, come prepared to be dazzled by a gathering of gorgeous Ganymedes prepared to show all the reasons Atlantic Canadian men are among the best

this country has to offer.

Menz Bar will also host a "meet and greet" with the contestants on the Friday night before the contest, with a possible mock runway on Saturday. Added to the list of sponsors for this year is your favourite queer newspaper, Wayves!

Whether you're a previous contestant, a new hopeful or an admirer and supporter we hope you'll come along to make this a grand occasion. The Mr. PriapeWear contest offers great prizes for regional winners plus an opportunity for even bigger rewards. An international career could start right here in Halifax.

Go to www.priape.com/modelsearch or contact Michael Ain at main@priape.com for full details. And keep your eyes on the pages of Wayves as we keep you updated on the contest.



Priapewear contest at the Stonewall Hotel, NYC, 2007

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News from Northern AIDS Connection Society

By Al McNutt

The Northern AIDS Connection Society has been extremely active in the last few months. With all the regular activities such as school and public awareness events, referrals and support initiatives, there never seems to be enough hours in a day.

The HIV Family Support Program is getting ready for a wrap-up. This program was very much needed in our community, as individuals dealing with such a loss are often alone and isolated. NACS hopes to secure future funding to continue and hopefully offer such a program in Pictou and Cumberland Counties.

Our organization has been very fortunate to acquire the skills of several new volunteers who have been working on our accounting system, French translation of some printed material, Survival on the Street Guide and the development of new brochures. Volunteers are the core of our organization. Thank you to each and every one.

NACS has received some funding from Abbott Laboratories to host a workshop on transgender issues, which will be organized

very soon. Denise Holliday has agreed to be the speaker for this workshop.

Within the Nova Scotia Strategy on HIV, an area of concern has been anonymous HIV testing and the lack of testing opportunities and services in rural communities. To date, there is only one anonymous testing site in mainland Nova Scotia, at the Halifax Sexual Health Centre. Northern AIDS Connection Society, in partnership with Nancy MacDonald from the Halifax Sexual Health Centre, will be offering a wide range of anonymous testing for sexually transmitted infections, including HIV and hepatitis through our office in Truro. This service will be offered by appointment only and will be offered a couple of days a month to start. If you are interested, please call our office at (902) 895-0931 and make an appointment by leaving only your first name. All inquiries and appointments will be anonymous and held in the strictest confidence. NACS is very excited to have developed this new partnership and service.

NACS is also getting geared up for the Spring for Life Gerbera

Sale, Healthy Decision Making Fair and an open house event to highlight the history and growth of the Society.

For information about our organization contact our office and ask for Bonnie or Al.

Important WAYVES Dates!

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Help decide what goes in the next issue, 7:30 PM, location: AIDS Coalition, 1675 Bedford Row. All welcome, every meeting.

Magazine Layout (Halifax): Apr 13, May 11, Jun 15, Jul 13, Aug 10. Help build the paper – no special skills required, just enthusiasm, and helping even once or for a few hours helps a LOT! 9:30 AM,

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Guerilla Gay-Fare in Halifax

By Daniel MacKay

My partner and I attended the first Guerrilla Gay-Fare event at Tribeca on February 29.

When I first heard about the event, I thought back to the 1970s where, with some organizational structure that didn't involve Facebook, queers would invade a space for a kiss-in or a stand-in. It would cause a big ruckus and police would be around to protect the queers from the straights (or vice-versa). But of course those days are long gone. No bar in Halifax would dare to show a lick of homophobia. The last time this was an issue was the Jury Room in the mid-'70s—before most of the people who attended the event at Tribeca were born! And, Tribeca has been a queer hangout for many years.

So it comes as no surprise that from the standpoint of a political event, a rally for rights, or a statement of any kind, it was a complete

and utter non-event. It was a bunch of fags and dykes giving money to a bar. I mean, come on... nine dollars for a Cosmopolitan?! The only link between this and a Stonewall or 1970s event, was that the bar owner would have had some

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major concerns, but in this case, the only concern may have been about whether the cash registers would explode from the infusion of queer currency.

However, from a networking perspective, the event was great. In just a few minutes, I caught up with Maggie from Venus Envy and spoke to her about a possible women's publishing project; Heather, who's leading a writer's workshop; and Wayves contribu-

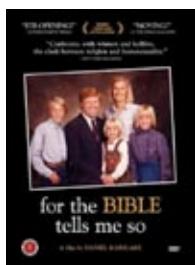
tor and organizer Curtis—and it looked like everyone around me was either catching up or getting introduced.

Fast-forward a decade... going to Tribeca brought back memories for me, because it's the same space in which I helped to build our community-owned gay bar, Rumours, in 1982. It was a little eerie being there, and I must have looked like a pink-shirted zombie, wandering around staring up at pipes, ducts and cables, trying to identify which I had touched over a quarter century ago.

The question that has been dogging me ever since is, "Why do we need an event at an expensive 'straight bar' (not that the phrase really has much meaning these days) for this really valuable networking opportunity?" Do we need a special, crazy event to get people together? Do we need to go to the straight community, in order to build gay community?

For The Bible Tells Me So

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of the five on-screen families. Intermittent laughter in the room perhaps hid true feelings of disgust as the film showed anti-gay protesters and ex-gay advocates voicing their opinions of how God hates gays.

Rev. Don Uhryniw, pastor of the Centenary - Queen Square United Church, says it's a timely film. "We've been talking about equality in this country for a long time now," he says.

As the pastor of a church that very openly accepts gays and lesbians in its congregation, he says the fight for the rights of the GLBT community is far from over. "Even though rainbow rights are partially enshrined in the constitution and partially represented in the Criminal Code of Canada, and now that we do have same-sex marriage, I think this is a very, very dangerous time because people are going to think those milestones have been achieved and everything's okay now."

But that's not okay, Uhryniw says. People need to learn from past mistakes.

God's views on homosexuality will always be a divisive issue with people on either side, the pastor says. "There's not going to be a lot of people who are willing to come and say, 'I want to be stretched. I want to look at it from another perspective or another angle.' There's an enormous amount of fear. I think that we still have to maintain the dialogue."

Uhryniw says many Christian people are spreading the wrong message. "We are surrounded by people who use the Bible as a weapon rather than a tool of inspiration. It's used as a weapon, and selectively used."

Carl Trickey agrees—it was his idea to show the film in Saint John. "Very often the Bible is used as a weapon against the gay and lesbian

community. People are told that they are bad people."

One of the ways the film addresses religion-propagated fear is by explaining that the words in the Bible can't be read literally and they have to be read in the context in which they were written and with consideration for the times when they were written.

When Trickey received information about the documentary, he brought it to the attention of Port City Rainbow Pride, of which he is a board member. The event was hosted in a small theatre at the New

Brunswick Museum in Saint John's Market Square.

He was disappointed by the size of the crowd, hoping for a much larger audience, but he doesn't regret the effort he put into hosting the screening. "One of the things that Port City Rainbow Pride has said is that if we can get the message out to one person and it's helpful to them then maybe we've done something," he said.

Daniel Mark Wheaton is a journalist for the Carleton FreePress newspaper in Woodstock, New Brunswick.

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Dawn's Early Light

Dear Dawn,
I'm a fifteen year old gay guy and I recently started coming out. I told my sister and a couple of close friends. I haven't told my best friend because lately I've been having strong feelings for him... not just friendship like before. He and I have been best friends for years so why do I have these feelings now? Should I tell him? I think he might be freaked out and I don't want to lose him as a friend but I can't turn these thoughts and feelings off either. I've started avoiding him because I don't know how to act or talk around him any more and I know he has noticed. How do I deal with this?

Confused

Dear Confused,
When I read your letter my first thought was that your friend may already know you are gay. Sometimes the people closest to us know more about us than we realize. Having said that, though, I think you need to be careful about how you handle this. I can't tell you whether or not you should tell him how you feel but I do think you should let him know you are gay. How he responds to that news will help you decide whether or not to share how you feel about

him specifically. If he responds with homophobia you really need to ask yourself if this is someone you want to have in your life. But I think you are right and unfortunately by telling him you may risk losing his friendship.

Coming out can be dangerous and difficult so make sure you have someone you can talk to should it turn out to be bad. Please be sure to do it in a space where you will be safe physically. There is a lot of information and tips online about coming out and I would recommend you do some reading on it. The Youth Project in Halifax (www.youthproject.ns.ca) has a great website with some fantastic resources and links to information for young people coming out. They also have great groups and counseling if you live in that area.

I wish you the best of luck. Let us know how things turn out.

Dawn

Dawn's Light - on hold

Dawn's Early Light will be unavailable for the next couple months.

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Abegweit Rainbow Collective

By Michael Walsh
Prince Edward Island's Abegweit Rainbow Collective is excited to announce the newly-formed board of directors for 2008. With a new board and a new year we are heading in a whole new direction, from a strategic plan and new image to the hottest Pride yet to celebrate ARC's diamond anniversary year.

This year's Pride theme is "Diamonds are Forever!" There will be lots of glitz, glamour and glitter this year to celebrate the event. Of course, all our Queens from across the region will be out in full force. Events will include a youth open-mic coffee house (all ages welcome), a women's specific night, and a beer garden and Power Party celebration. The Power Party is going something the likes of which Atlantic Canada has never seen. With state-of-the-art lighting, and professionally-delivered sound it will be a show to remember and something not to be missed. For more information on event dates, please check the web link below.

The community is now benefiting from a new location to host our regular dance parties. We are now operational at Mavor's Bistro and Bar at the Confederation Centre of

the Arts in Charlottetown. Party dates are listed on our website at www.arcpei.ca. Our recent kick-off dance party was overwhelmingly positive. More than 150 people walked through the doors—the

community has spoken and said they want and enjoy the change. Join our Facebook group, "Abegweit Rainbow Collective," and stay up-to-date on what's happening. Come party on our Island!



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Crawford Hastie's KIBITZ AND BITCH

Dear Tom

As I mentioned last time, I have joined the university chorus. Anticipating your reaction to that statement, I will add that no, I did not join in the hopes of meeting men and getting laid – although I am in no way averse to the idea – and again no, we are not singing a medley of Broadway show tunes. We are preparing a big, bold, ballsy, sort of classical piece called *Carmina Burana*. It is really over the top and dramatic – like a drag show finale but with fewer sequins. It requires a big full sound so there is a giant chorus assembled and a real mixed bag we are. There are students who are taking this as a course requirement. Some of them are easily identified by their permanent slouch and the studied expression of semi-boredom on their faces lest any of their contemporaries make the mistake of thinking they might be enjoying themselves. Others are noticeable by their smooth innocent faces and firm young bodies – mostly hidden in the baggiest clothes possible. Unfortunately, they all sit behind me. The bulk of the group are people from the surrounding communities, many with lots of choral experience and a few old enough to have been school mates with the composer.

The rainbow tribe is well represented but rather unevenly distributed among the different voices. Why are there so many gay tenors, do you think, Tom? In our group there must be something like half who are perfect Kinsey 6's like me, and several others who are at least a 4 or 5 on the scale. Just a natural occurrence, or did we develop higher voices from those early years of pretending to be Judy or Barbra in front of the bathroom mirror with a hairbrush as a microphone? There may be homo basses too but the percentage seems considerably lower although I have no trouble picturing a few of them in leather chaps. As for lesbians, you find them mostly in the alto section. But maybe I am stereotyping; it's possible there are straight women who like wearing men's work shirts and sporting Gertrude Stein haircuts. Just behind us tenors and to the right is the sea of estrogen more commonly known as the soprano section. They vastly outnumber the tenors which is slightly intimidating and which requires us to work harder to produce sufficient sound.

The director is an attractive man, on the youngish side (if he were gay he'd be in that awkward stage of being neither chicken nor hawk), demanding but personable – and whose jeans are snug in enough places to add a visual pleasure to the rehearsals. He constantly drops the pencil he uses as a baton and this combined with his energetic gesticulations while leading us in song

made me rather nervous at first since the tenors are in the front, directly in his line of fire should the pencil become a missile.

It's been several years since I last sang in a chorus and I'll admit, Tom, I'm really enjoying getting back in harness again – the discipline, the occasional scolding, the pleasure of a group experience, performance anxiety, a man in charge who is hard to please, repeating some movements over and over, the slow building towards a climax and then the exhausted but satisfied feeling at the end. There's nothing like it, Tom! The rehearsals are a real workout and not just for the vocal cords and rib cage. I sometimes clench my buttocks so hard straining to reach a high note that I fear I will pull a muscle.

Speaking of pulling muscles, I have a date this weekend! Yes, Tom, an honest to gawd, no money exchanged, no web cam, in person, for real date. He is a charming man from Montreal, about my age and francophone - you know my weakness for men with accents! I've been corresponding with him via e-mail and we've spoken several times on the phone but this will be the first actual coming together of our two solitudes. I'm looking forward to French kissing in both official languages. This same weekend Butch and Barry are visiting in the area too and the Anthill and Fisherman's Freud are hosting a party on Saturday. So, it will be a baptism of fire for mon nouvel ami. It's always a kind of unpredictable thing though, isn't it – whether those people who are friends with you will also like each other. I'm not truly worried though, I figure that after a night of champagne, left over chocolate Easter bunny, runny French cheeses and dessert my biggest concern will be how to get mango stains and other fruit juices out of the sheets.

Hey, guess what? I have just discovered I can do my vocal warm ups and Kegel sexual exercises at the same time. It's all a matter of breathing, concentration and focusing the energy to the right chakras. With a little help I may just reach those elusive high notes after all. Practice, practice, practice.

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What's the Buzz on MRSA?

By Angus Campbell, Gay Men's Health Coordinator, AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia

You may have heard about the recent outbreak of MRSA in the gay populations of Boston, New York and San Francisco. You may also have heard about various American gay rights groups denouncing the media hype around MRSA and its link to gay men as hysteria, especially as some journalists used the term, "flesh-eating." Here's what you should know.

MRSA (Methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus) is a staph bacterium that is resistant to many antibiotics. Like other kinds of bacteria, staph normally live on your skin and nose usually without any problems. They only become a problem when they cause infection, which often appears as reddish inflamed skin around a wound. Minor infections may include boils or pimples, whereas serious infections such as pneumonia or blood infections can sometimes result in death. MRSA occurs in persons of all genders, ages, races and sexual orientation however people with weakened immune systems especially need to pay attention.

As always, consult your doctor or medical professional if you think you have a skin infection.

For further information please visit the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/biol_hazards/methicillin.html or US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dhqp/ar_mrsa_ca.html.

Having spent most of his adult life in Vancouver, Angus Campbell has been proudly involved with the gay community for a number of years, through sports and AIDS organizations. He was chairman of the Vancouver Gay Volleyball Association, IT Director for Gay Games 1990 and general volunteer & supporter of numerous AIDS organizations. Since being in Nova Scotia he was honoured to look after his partner Paul and now considers himself privileged to be working at the ACNS as your Gay Men's Health Coordinator. Musical theatre is in his blood and if you know who Stephen Sondheim is, then you and Angus are already comrades.

Preventing MRSA

Although MRSA can be difficult to treat, it is usually curable. It's very preventable by following these tips:

- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for 15 – 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Hands are the number one method of spreading germs.
- Don't share things like razors, toothbrushes, towels, cigarettes, crack pipes or straws.
- Shower thoroughly after sex, and don't forget the soap.
- Keep cuts and scrapes clean and covered with a bandage.
- Be wise about using antibiotics—they can help treat bacterial infections but cannot cure viral infections. Always take antibiotics as prescribed—using only part of the medicine can cause antibiotic-resistant bacteria to develop.

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Valley Gay Men's Coffee House Group

Now is the time to take the opportunity to pass along greetings from the (Annapolis) Valley Gay Men's Coffee House Group. The group sponsors a weekly gathering for coffee and chat, and also hosts a monthly dance for GLBT folk and all others in the community who support our cause. The events serve to promote an atmosphere of happy, healthy and prosperous lives so deserved by one and all.

For the past five-plus years, this group of dedicated individuals has managed to keep together a cohesive group to host, sponsor and

participate in various events in our local communities. Without the constant support from committed individuals and regular attendees to the dances we could not have lasted this long. We continually seek to expand our ranks with support from like-minded individuals, to continue to have more pro-active participation to ensure the ongoing events of our group and other similar organizations.

Contact the group by e-mail at menembracingmen@yahoo.ca or visit its website at faceitwithpride.tripod.com.

University of New Brunswick Spectrum Prom

By Michael Daley
On February 23, 2008, the University of New Brunswick Fredericton and St Thomas University held their first annual GLBT Prom. The event was put together by the campus' GLBT group, Spectrum. The event was planned at the beginning of the year as a way of raising awareness of the gay population on campus and building a community spirit.

The event was partially paid for by a penny drive that the group started only a month before and

also by the UNB student union who were incredibly generous and supportive of the event. Sadly, no businesses that were approached were able to support the event but showed interest in helping other such events in the future.

The turnout for the event was smaller than hoped for, but with little advertisement was still a success. The event crowned a prom "drag" king, Ella Henry and prom "drag" queen Allen Penny. The decision was made following a dance-off for the crowns. The dj

chose music that heavily featured gay and lesbian song writers and performers such as RJ Helton, Melissa Ethridge, Scissor Sisters and Queen.

Following the success of the event and the interest from the general population of Fredericton, Spectrum plans on carrying on the gay prom into an annual event and starting a yearly week of pride related events on campus.

LGBT History Corner: The Nova Scotia Lipstick Harvest

By Ophelia Bumps

Oh, yes, I remember lipstick agriculture well! It was not so many years ago, you know.

The lipstick bushes were the first crop to flower in the spring, and the fragrance from the vast fields, and the hum of the bees pollinating the flowers would waft across the Lipstick Blossom Parade in early to mid-April.

By late November—a month after what we'd normally call the Harvest Moon, or a week after that if it was a wet fall—the lipstick was ready to harvest, and the drag queens would take a week away from the stage and come to the fields to work, gossip and bitch.

If you think Cape Breton is colourful in the fall, you've not seen the like of the lipstick fields when the drag queens turn out in their finery. Of course, every season there would be the inevitable competition of who could wear the best outfit. Inevitably, one or more queen would lose one or both of her best heels in the mud. One year my old friend and confidant, Beara Breast, took the unofficial title of Best Dirty Girl when she

managed to catch the edge of her best (imitation) Vera Wang on a stray branch and fell in a big pile of horse apples.

For many years, the two eldest queens, Enya Mouth and Anya Face, would act as team leaders, marshalling their younger, flashier sisters into pairs, each working their way down one side of the bushes. In those days, before mechanical harvester, the rows of bushes were too close together for tractors, so everything had to be done by hand.

The waxy tubes were picked carefully, so as not to smear or pinch them. They were placed carefully in cardboard cartons, four dozen in a box, for later processing. Only one colour could be done at a time, which sometimes meant having to make several trips down the same row, since the lipstick

bushes yielded many different shades. There was always one, though, who applied more lipstick than she put in the basket. Ms. Notorious F.A.G. was a frequent culprit, although her keen instinct of matching shades to skin textures eventually landed her a make-up gig in Hollywood.

At the end of the week, almost the entire crop had been sold to national lipstick brokers, and the county celebrated the end of the harvest. There was a midway, dances, and competitions of all kinds (and carnies!! Oh yes!! But - they're another story.) It was not at all unusual for the lipstick harvester to go head-to-head with the locals, and the Empress at the time, the divine, late Zwa Lo, rest her soul, won blue ribbons for her pickles and preserves at the Lipstick Harvest Festival in the late '50s.



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Transgender Diaries



Dear Diary,
It happened again, and I still have not figured out why.

I was interviewed for an article and while the interview was amiable enough and ended on a positive note as well as a sharing of knowledge, I had a cold feeling of dread creep over me and the undercurrent of emotion that came in the form of mild panic was familiarly distant. I spent the following hours before bed re-appraising everything I had done or accomplished in the last ten years. Why? I actually don't know other than the emo-

tion stemmed from the interview. I have similar experiences after every workshop, sometimes lasting three days.

I sit and consider all that I have done and what it is I feel needs doing while the feelings of frustration and helplessness rise even more. With each new day another situation arises and the issues become simpler to understand and more complicated to solve.

I'm left at times feeling very vulnerable and wondering if once again in my desire to educate others and educate myself, have I exposed too much of me. It was strange that the reporter commented on a characteristic of me that I know to be true and yet I manage to hide it from even the closest of people in my life. I am not sure if I am pleased someone recognized that or if I am scared that I slipped up and someone learned something I had successfully hidden in the past in order to survive. In fact now that

it has been exposed I am left wondering if I hid it from the world because of them or because of me.

The feeling I realize is probably from a deep personal sense of not belonging and questioning my right to be where I am, doing what I do and commenting on what I do.

Make no mistake this is not about Denise, being Denise or whether I should have transitioned or not transitioned. That issue was settled in my head when I was a child and since surgery I have had no doubts about who I am. The issue is more complicated than that. I have created a life and have a wonderful family and yes even a small, but very high quality number of friends and while I always seem to be moving in one direction or another and subconsciously planning ahead, I often realize that I have no personal sense of me. When I look in the mirror I rarely see him anymore, but she/me is there and

it is someone that lived in the dark with no exposure to life in any small detail and has never known youth. I know my children but my children never knew me anymore than I did. My spouse knew of me but never saw me. Yet here I am in the light, old and somewhat uneducated in the ways of women with very little in the way of life experiences to draw from. With so many desires to be accomplished while knowing with a real sense of urgency that people my age are starting to die in all directions. Am I afraid of death? No!

If anything I am afraid of life. I avoided success all my life because it brought attention I did not desire as it would possibly expose my secret. Now I have no secret and yet daily I am exposed, over and over again. When not exposed I am waiting till the next round.

When the bell rings I will meet you in the centre of the ring.

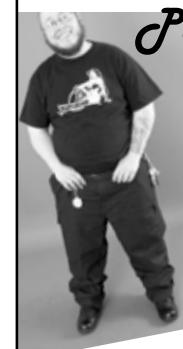


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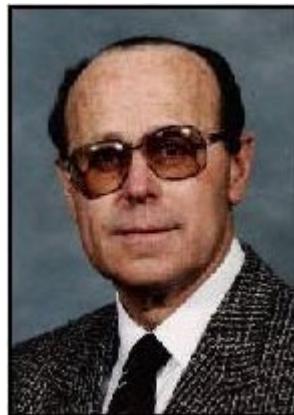
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Eric Schofield

The gay community mourns the loss of one of our elder statesmen and good friend, Eric Schofield who passed away Tuesday, February 12, 2008, in Blandford, Lunenburg Co., in the company of friends. Born June 1, 1926, on Brooklyn Street, Kings County, Eric served in the Canadian Army during the Second World War, particularly in the areas of cryptography and code breaking. He received his B.A. and M.A. (Economics) from Acadia University, and his M.P.A. (Public Administration) from Syracuse University. Eric went on to a long career with the Government of Canada, which included co-ordinating, the visits of foreign dignitaries and heads of state for the Prime Minister's Office during Expo 67. He was awarded Canada's Centennial Medal for his years of distinguished public service. In his 'first retirement,' Eric was a tour manager for nearly 20 years, and traveled the globe with various

bands of adventurers. Eric was pre-deceased by his good friend Graham Meek.

Many of us in the gay community remember Eric as the always genial host at his country home in Cambridge for Over 30's parties, pot luck suppers, anniversary parties and New Year's celebrations. Even in the latter part of his life when he was beset by health problems, his spirit and ever-present smile never faltered. His friends remember him as "a gay man who set a standard of courage and friendship" and who "always welcomed company, especially if someone was alone for Christmas." The photo albums at his visitation bore witness to how he cherished old friends and was always eager to make new ones. There were numerous snapshots of groups of friends gathered on the patio by his beautiful gardens and Eric's big smile shining in every one. His tales of his world travels, his



many activities and interests made him a delightful companion and his loving heart assured one that once a friend, always a friend. We offer sympathy to his sister, brother, his many nieces and nephews and to his extended family of friends. He will be greatly missed.

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Fetish Ball 2008

By Don Murchy and David Co-sens
Coordinators of the Fetish Ball 2008

Fet Night Play Party hosts the fifth annual Fetish Ball on April 12, 2008 at The Church on North Street. The doors open at 8:00 p.m. and close at 1:30 a.m. The show starts at 9:00 p.m., with the fetish wear contest at 11:00 p.m. A Dom/Sub auction will take place during the show, so bring some extra cash to bid on your favorite Dom(me) and Sub.

The Fetish Ball is the biggest fundraiser for a number of local fetish groups, such as MAC Leather, PALS, Illusions, Fet Night Play Party, Fetish Nova Scotia and Fetish Halifax, as well as a few

mainstream charities such as Bryony House, AIDS Coalition of NS and Manna for Health. The two hundred people from all orientations that participate always have a great time and have a chance to win

The outfit can be spiky, lacey, leathery, rubbery, latex-y... you get the idea.

some decent prizes from such local sponsors as Venus Envy, Halfway Creations, Strange Adventures, Noveltease and Radical Leather.

Our co-hosts this year will be Mistress Arrogance and Mistress Trans. The show will include the

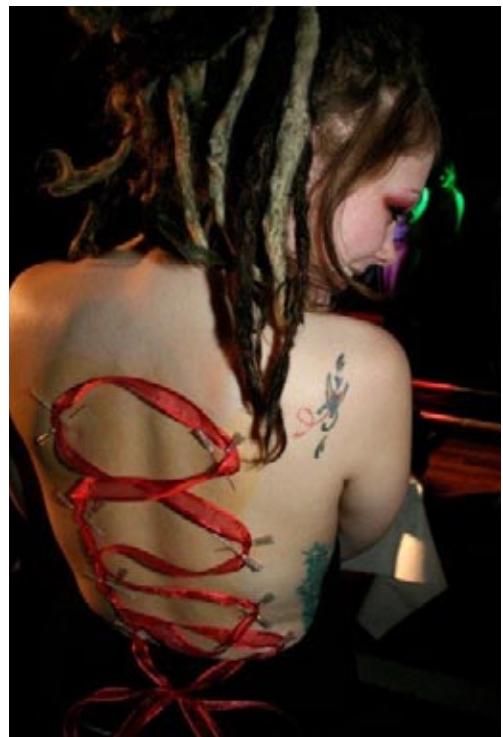
Pink Velvet Burlesque Troupe, Wrestling Girls, displays involving bondage, flogging, violet wand play, foot worship, gender bending, play-piercing and any other edge play we can find before show time.

The fetish contest at 11:00 p.m. will be judged by three celebrities from the local fetish clubs. Simple rules: all genitals must be covered, as well as female nipples, and no butt crack is to be showing. The outfit can be spiky, lacey, leathery, rubbery, latex-y...you get the idea. We are here to have fun with people who we have grown to know over the years and with new folks of like-minded attitude.

The Dom/Sub auction will take place during the show as a

fundraiser. Each person will be identified as a Dom(me) or Sub and a list of their limits will be stated. These are to be respected, but they are yours.

Come to come the Fetish Ball to support our local fetish groups, check out the latest fetish fashions, connect with the best Dom(me)s and Subs in the Maritimes, see how to join some of the local fetish and BDSM groups, see the erotic and exotic acts being put together by local groups, and to feel free to be who you really are... even if it is only for a night.



Decorative piercing enthusiast at a previous Fetish Ball. Photo by S. DeVenne

Review: Play Piercing

Review by Don Murchy
I just finished my third reading of the book, "Play Piercing," by Deborah Addington. The stories were excellent in that they accurately cover most of the notions and ideas that we run into in the scene, especially the vampire aspect, on which the author seems to be a specialist. Her passion definitely came to the surface there. I loved the story about the frightened boy who grew wings.

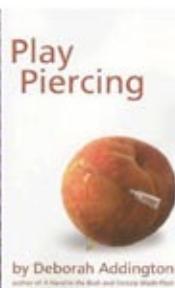
What I did find problematic

were the technical lead-ups to the stories: they nearly put me to sleep. A much better way of tackling this angle might have been for Addington to include whatever technical information was necessary in the stories, and then explain and elaborate, perhaps in a glossary or an appendix, what was left out. Whereas the stories flowed like wetness from a newly-scratched piercing, the technical parts dragged like old, congealed blood, totally de-oxygenated with no life to them at all. The medical jargon was very dry,

like quotes from a doctor or medical text that someone did not want to get wrong.

However, this may be simply Addison's style and should not be taken as criticism, just an observation on the author's excellent story-telling skills.

Play Piercing by Deborah Addington; Paperback, 100 pages, (May 2006) Published by Greenery Press (CA) ISBN 1890159689



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For eight years the Capitol Theatre, a beautifully-restored art deco treasure on Main Street, has been host to a sold-out crowd and silent auction. Steve Laviolette the Master of Ceremonies, presided over 24 acts involving a collection of drag queens and kings, live vocal performances and skits.

The entertainers came from far and wide this year – Fredericton and Saint John, Halifax and Montreal.

A couple of highlights included Lucile Ball's classic "Vitameatavegamin" skit, Lily Tomlin's "One Ringy Dingy, Two Ringy Dingy", and a salacious Pirate's ballad. And of course Celine Dion paid a visit which wowed the crowd with her every overture and denouement. Where Halifax may eschew Mz Dion, Moncton adores her. Between ticket sales, the silent auction, and Amoure Passion Court-yard's elegant multi-course dinner, over \$7K was raised this year.

The photos on this page offer a glimpse into some of the talent; however not enough has been said about the organization itself, the volunteers and the lives these volunteers have touched during two decades of service. I managed to catch up with Karen Eustace, Executive Director who informed me that, with the increasing cuts to other services, CARA has seen an increase in the volume of calls being received, as referral waiting lists grow longer. There are 12 to 18 volunteers (one third are men) who undergo 12 to 40 hours of professional training each to field calls ranging from domestic violence, physical/emotional abuse, sexual orientation issues, and drugs/alcohol abuse problems. Many people call just to have someone listen to them, with many repeat callers.

Karen says she and her volunteers (only one or two on per shift, between 4pm - 9am, seven days a week) try to follow a 70/30 guideline when relating to callers: that's more listening and less talking for the volunteers. She says that often it's about "giving people a little bit of hope" because when people call in it's usually because "they've lost faith in their own ability to deal with their situation, and they've lost hope."

Volunteers must be prepared for the kinds of situations they will listen to and be able to offer an ear or a referral. Sometimes, Karen says, there are some pretty desperate callers from all walks of life, backgrounds and ages.

I asked Karen whether any of these situations ever "get to her." She chuckles and smiles, looking at

me for a moment before she says that she's been around too long to let anything get to her anymore. I press her further. "But how do you decompress?", I ask, and she defers from giving me a direct answer.

During our talk, Karen recounts a number of experiences with callers. When Karen is on the phone she will often use another name, and on one particular night quite a while back, she identified herself as 'Anne' during a call that continues to stand out from all the rest of the many night shifts she's done. In response to the male caller's question; "What is it that you do?" she replied; "When you need someone to listen, we are here to listen."

She was a bit curious, though, about why the man had called, and asked him "what is different about tonight from last night?" He began to share much about his life: a sister living through breast cancer; a mother dying at a young age; a brother in a terrible car accident and dealing with a teenage daughter. They were on the phone for quite a long time when, at some point, the caller said, "Well, thank you for your time, and now it's time to say Good-bye."

Anne says she immediately sensed something was amiss and responded with, "Well I'm not going to say Good-bye," keeping him on the phone because she sensed that this man may have wanted to take his own life. They talked for a longer time still, and somehow during the conversation Anne says she was overcome with emotion. She recounts weeping over the phone with this man who, taken aback, asked Anne, "Are you OK?" She laughs while recalling the moment thinking about the reversal of roles.

Karen says that what struck her was that the caller said he was amazed "to think that I was important enough to have a stranger cry over me." Karen wondered for a while what ever happened to the caller, in the end. Volunteers often do relate to the caller, and then that's it. It's quite rare for CARA volunteers to get anything one might call 'feedback', but a few weeks later Karen received a call from one of the local social agencies in town where a man had dropped off a rose he said was 'For Anne' along with a note thanking her and read in part, "you'll never have to worry about me going through this again."

Right now, CARA is working on updating their website. Soon it will include an option that will allow users to log in and ask a confidential question.

On a personal note, I would like to dedicate this page to my friend Bobby Martin, originally from New Brunswick, who recently and suddenly passed away in Halifax. If you knew Bobby and would like to



Clockwise from the bottom photo: Nina Diamond - Lily Tomlin's Ernestine Tomlin's Telephone Strike, Pirate Love, Danny B - Vitameatavegamin, Savannah - Celine Dion, Gilbert - Charlie Chaplin and the Charlestons, Julia Jeffries - Judy Garland

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Read Queer Zines!

By Sonia Edworthy

Zines are self-published magazines, usually photocopied and stapled and sold for one or two dollars, just to cover the cost of producing them. People create zines for many reasons: as an outlet, to share information, to express passion about a topic, to connect with other like-minded folks, but never to get rich. Zines are alternative, independent media and are mostly used by communities and individuals who are excluded from the mainstream media. Zines are a venue for marginalized voices.

Anchor Archive Zine Library has over 2,000 zines that cover a wide range of topics including radical politics, personal stories, instructions on how to do-it-yourself, alternative health, education, parenting, travel and much more.

Because zines may represent a venue for marginalized voices, many people who write for zines are queer. Zines, newsletters and pamphlets were published by feminists and gay-rights activists in the 1970's and 80's. Many young women in the Riot Grrrl movement published zines that challenged male/heterosexual-dominated punk culture with manifestas and personal stories about things like sexual abuse, abortions, coming out as lesbian or queer. Many queer zine-makers write about queer identity and queer politics, but many also write about their lives, their interests and topics that aren't necessarily queer. Since the late 1990's there

has been an explosion of amazing zines, comics and independent media by queer activists, artists and writers.

A good resource for queer/gay/lesbian/trans zines is the Queer Zine Archive in Milwaukie. The primary function of QZAP is to provide a free on-line searchable database of the collection with links allowing users to download electronic copies of zines. By providing access to the historical canon of queer zines we hope to make them more accessible to diverse communities and reach wider audiences. You can find them on-line at <http://qzap.org> and mail order zines.

Here in Halifax at the Anchor Archive we have two boxes dedicated to explicitly Queer zines and lots with queer content in other categories such as sex, feminism, politics, stories and personal.



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- Gaylord Phoenix: beautiful screen-printed comics by edie fake

keep it for two weeks, you need to sign up to become a member.

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Q & A with Ivan E. Coyote

Wayves writer Shannon Webb-Campbell caught up with Ivan E. Coyote, and briefly joined his pack for a Q&A.

Shannon Webb-Campbell: What is it about the art of storytelling that draws you to it?

Ivan E. Coyote: There is something so immediate about it, it's very instant gratification. You get to see the audience joining you on whatever trip you are taking them on. It's also the best form of editing a writer could ever ask for. If you lose them, even for a portion of a minute, you can feel it immediately. You can hear the difference between applause and polite clapping. There is no place to hide.

SWC: Why is storytelling such a vital form of communication for you?

Coyote: I spent months in the Yukon archives over the last couple of years, doing research for a couple of projects I'm working on. Newspaper archives, film, photo archives, town minutes, the whole meal deal. All I found were the facts, as interpreted by whoever wrote them, and dates and times. There were no real stories in there. No nuance, no descriptions, no dirty little secrets, no explanations, no characters.

A lot of what is beautiful about life and the people who live in it cannot be remembered or recorded, unless there is a witness present, someone who can describe what really went down. So much history is lost whenever an old person dies

without telling someone their life story. The details, the reasons, the hopes. That stuff never makes it into an obituary. Also, we are more and more being ruled by technology. I refuse to allow the ability to capture someone's imagination and attention with just a human voice become something that used to happen in the good old days. They say prostitution is the oldest profession. I say there had to be a storyteller present, or it would have just been a one night stand, not a career.

SWC: What inspires you to write?

Coyote: Life in general. People, and their quirks. The human condition. A great book. Ice fog in the mornings. Other artists who are motivated from their gut, not their head. A fine chicken stew. Need I go on?

SWC: Do you have any writing rituals?

Coyote: My house has to be clean. I don't know why, but I cannot work with chaos around me. I can only write short stories when I'm on the road. Working on the novel only happens at home.

SWC: What is it that makes something a short story instead of a longer one, moreover, what made Bow Grip, a novel, not a novella?

Coyote: Page count, maybe? I'm not sure about this one. I've only written the one novel, and I'm only part way through my second one, so I am by no means any kind of an expert on the topic. I know that some stories just need time

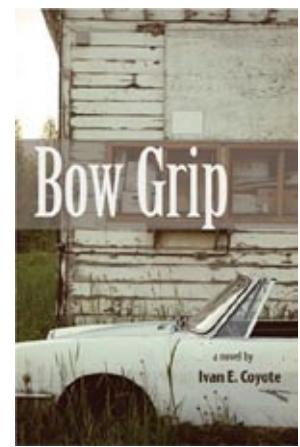


Ivan E. Coyote's Gotta Bow Grip

Wherever this coyote roams, a crowd gathers. Author Ivan E. Coyote's home is on stage, hailing from the Yukon, the acclaimed writer and storyteller filled seats everywhere from the Mount Saint Vincent, to Dalhousie University, Venus Envy and the Youth Project during the first week of March.

Currently the writer in-residence at Carleton University in Ottawa, Coyote is in the midst of working on a follow-up to Bow Grip, the author's ardent debut novel. A story of love, loneliness and longing based in the rural Albertan town of Drumheller, Bow Grip, was published by Arsenal Pulp Press and received the ReLit Award for 2007's Best Novel and was short-listed for 2007's Ferro-Grumley Award for Women's Fiction.

Known for his ability to relay universal truths—the human condition, Coyote has garnered a strong and stable audience both inside and outside of the community since she first emerged in



the late '90s in Taste This; a queer performance troupe comprised of Lyndell Montgomery, Anna Camilleri, Zoe Eakle and Coyote. Her previous literary works include: Boys Like Her: Transfusions, Close to Spider Man, One Man's Trash and Loose Ends.

Coyote and musical maestro Rae Spoon recently collaborated, the result being You Are Here, an audio homage to the Yukon. Coyote's words can also be found in the Vancouver Sun, The Georgia Straight, Curve magazine and Xtra West.

a headline, I guess. Sometimes I wonder when I will start to be measured for what is between my ears, not my legs.

SWC: Currently you are a writer in residence at Carleton University. How has this experience shaped you and your writing?

Coyote: It has given me this weird kind of legitimacy that I have never been afforded before. I'm sitting in the ivory tower right now as I write this, and some days I still can't believe I slipped past security. I don't even have an undergrad degree, but here I am.

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Okay, I am so over the winter and can barely keep going. The root cellars are almost empty, boiled dinner and stews are really getting on my nerves and there is no hope for any fresh local ingredients for quite a while yet. So, what to do in this situation? Bake something sweet and eat the whole thing in one sitting! I have decided to offer up an old classic that is very easy to make and even easier to eat. The recipe is based on my grandmother's "Tarte au Sucre Acadienne" (that's Acadian Sugar Pie, for those of us who only use one of Canada's official languages), with the added goodness of maple and toasted walnuts. Give it a try with a big mound of fresh whipped cream and let me know how many days at the gym it takes to burn off the calories. Enjoy!

Chef Darren is Chef and Co-owner of Chives Canadian Bistro, Halifax's newest two star restaurant, 1537 Barrington Street, Halifax, N.S. For reservation call (902) 420-9626, www.chives.ca.

Gay Rights Activist from NB Inducted into Order of Canada

by Daniel Mark Wheaton

On February 22, 2008, a man from the small village of Bath, N.B. who performed the first ever same-sex marriages in Canada—wearing a bulletproof vest—was formally appointed to the Order of Canada. The ceremony, which took place at the Governor General's residence, recognized the induction which officially took place on May 3, 2007.

One of Canada's leading gay-rights activists, Brent Hawkes is known for his decades of advocating for social justice. The 57-year-old was born in Bath, where he lived until he left home to study at Mount Allison University. He obtained a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Education. He then taught school in Nova Scotia for three years before moving to Toronto in 1976.

The next year he became the pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of Toronto, a position he has held ever since. His congregation which usually averages 600 to 700 people every Sunday is made up mainly of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people.

He lives in Toronto with John Sproule, his partner of more than 20 years, whom he married on March 7, 2006.

It has been an uphill battle for Hawkes, working tirelessly for what he believes is right. He says he never once felt like giving up. "There's nothing more determined than a stubborn Maritimer who really sees an injustice and wants to correct it," Hawkes said in a recent telephone interview. He believes that he was called by Jesus to minister to the oppressed.

The actions he has taken because of his concern for oppressed people in the gay community have led him into some admittedly scary situations. "A number of times, I had to wear a bulletproof vest," he admitted. One year he was told by police that he shouldn't march in a pride parade because there were serious threats against him. He marched anyway.

But the scary moments are nothing in comparison to all of the lives

he has seen changed because of the stand he has taken.

On January 14, 2001, Hawkes performed what he says were the first legal same-sex marriages in the history of the world, marrying two couples on a Sunday afternoon. Eighty media outlets from around the world covered the ceremony.

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"I had 12 bodyguards that day," he said. "There were 50 police officers in the basement of the church, and there were protesters outside."

Hawkes broke new ground with those ceremonies and changed a lot of the minds in the process. He has witnessed continued change in the years since. "We've done hundreds of weddings and there hasn't been a single protest."

Hawkes first felt the call to ministry in junior high school. Having been raised a strict fundamentalist Baptist, however, he knew that was

Maple Walnut Tart

Ingredients

2 large free range eggs	1 tbsp pure vanilla extract (or maple flavour if using corn syrup)
2 large free range egg yolks	juice of half a lemon
1 cup brown sugar	1/4 cup melted unsalted butter (cooled)
1 cup dark maple syrup (or dark corn syrup)	1/4 cup 35% cream
1/2 tsp sea salt	1 1/2 cups chopped toasted walnuts
	1 10" pre formed pie shell (store-bought is okay)

Method

Beat the eggs and yolks in mixer until lightly frothy and pale yellow. Add the sugar and syrup, salt, lemon, and vanilla, and continue mixing until smooth. Add the melted butter and cream, and beat until incorporated. Lay the chopped nuts into a chilled and docked pie shell. Pour the sugar mixture over the nuts and bake in a 325°F conventional oven (or 300°F convection) for 35-40 minutes, or until the filling is set. Note: When the filling moves as one uniform mass when jiggled it is ready. Remove from oven and let cool on a cookie rack until room temperature. Cut into 8 pieces, serve with fresh whipped cream and eagerly await the signs of spring.

For simple and tender pie dough recipe e-mail chefdarren@eastink.ca or go to our web site www.chives.ca under contacts, Chef Darren. Please remember to check out Ciboulette Cafe and Catering now open next door to Chives @ 1541 Barrington St. for a light snake, light lunch or your next office working lunch.



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not the path for him. He instead chose to become a teacher, yet he struggled to resolve the conflict in his life—his love for God and his being gay. "I made the decision that I was really clear that to be gay was okay, that God creates a lot of variety in the universe and He didn't make a mistake when I was created."

He eventually found a church where he could answer both his call to ministry and his call to social justice.

Hawkes says throughout history whenever a gay rights argument is framed as "God versus gays," the gays lose. The MCC has undercut that argument by being a group of Christians—a church—that supports gays. "We're able to say, 'Not everybody agrees with you. There are many Christian folks, many people of faith that agree with us.'"

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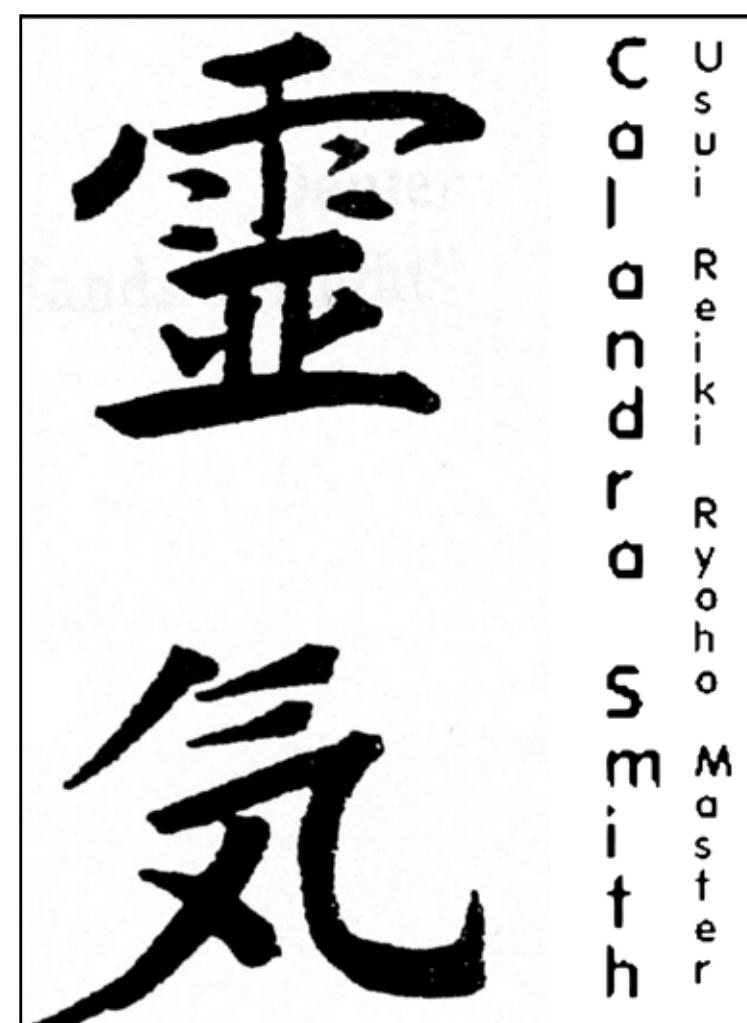


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AtlanticPoz: A new discussion group is for individuals living with HIV in Atlantic Canada. web: health.groups.yahoo.com/group/atlanticpoz/

Egale Canada - Atlantic: (888) 204-7777 email: egale.canada@egale.ca web: www.egale.ca

GaySpaces, Fredericton: Free postings of GLBT-friendly places to live in Canada. email: info@gayspaces.org web: www.gayspaces.org

Gender Expressions Atlantic: Support for transgendered individuals ranging from Crossdressers to Transexuals. email: gender_expressions@hotmail.com web: www.geocities.com/gender_expressions/ (No scheduled meeting. Occasional social events, by invitation only.)

Healing Our Nations, Dartmouth: Healing Our Nations is an Aboriginal HIV/AIDS service organization that serves the Atlantic region. (902) 492-4255 email: director@accesswave.ca web: www.hon93.ca (Healing Our Nations staff meet once on a weekly basis. Training offered on request at no charge for Aboriginal peoples and/or organizations.) at 15 Alderney Dr., Suite 3, Dartmouth, NS. B2Y2N2

Maritime Transgender Workplace Solutions Project, Upper Musquodoboit: Transgender Issues Workshops and information resource. (902)568-2935 email: denisesinned@ns.sympatico.ca web: www3.ns.sympatico.ca/winparnews (No meetings, Workshops by arrangements, Information source when requested. Newsletter Odds & Sods bi-weekly)

Mr Atlantic Canada Leather Society, assorted cities: Dedicated to developing gay leather communities in the Atlantic region. email: waydo7@hotmail.com

Names Project (AIDS Memorial Quilt): panels - helping create, and lending. 902-454-5158 email: larrybaxter@ns.sympatico.ca web: www.quilt.ca (Call if interested in volunteering or making a panel) at 3544 Acadia St. Halifax, NS B3K 3P2

Narcotics Anonymous: a fellowship of recovering drug addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. 1-800-205-8402 web: centralnovaarea.ca at Call the phone number or visit the web page for meeting times and places.

Project E: Presentation for youth, on gender expression, myth busters, proper terminology and other facts. web: www.freewebs.com/xproject/ at available via web page

Propitiation, Toronto: A fellowship of gay and lesbian Anglicans and their friends. 416-977-4359 email: propitiation@hotmail.com (We meet on a Saturday or Sunday Evening once every other month for Evening Prayer Discussion, refreshments and fellowship. Contact for meeting location) at members homes. We prefer our heritage, worship, and Spirituality of the Book of Common Prayer. We are troubled by such right wing organizations as the prayer book society and Essentials.

Wayves Magazine: Atlantic Canada's queer news and lifestyle magazine!. email: submissions@wayves.ca web: wayves.ca (Editorial meeting one Monday night a month; layout one Sunday a month; email us to be notified of meetings & deadlines!)

New Brunswick (506)

Affirming United Church - Centenary - Queen Square United Church, Saint John: invites you to worship!. 634-8288 email: cqsunited@nb.aibn.com web: www.cqsunited.ca, meets every Sunday (10:30am) at 215 Wentworth St, Saint John, NB

AIDS New Brunswick / SIDA Nouveau-Brunswick, Fredericton: committed to facilitating community-based responses to the issues of HIV/AIDS. 459-7518 email: sidaids@nbnet.nb.ca web: www.aidsnb.com (Office Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30AM to 12:30PM and 1:30PM to 4:30PM)

AIDS Saint John, Saint John: improve quality of life for those infected & affected by HIV, reduce the spread through education 652-2437 email: aidsj@nb.aibn.com web: www.aidsaintjohn.com

Fredericton Lesbians and Gays, Fredericton: Email listserv of events/news in the Fredericton for gbt men and women. email: jamesw@stu.ca web: www.geocities.com/westhollywood/3074

Gais.es Nor Gays Inc. (GNG), Petit-Rocher

(Bathurst area): A bilingual volunteer association serving gay men, lesbians and bisexuals of northern New Brunswick. email: info@gngnb.ca web: www.gngnb.ca (Dances are held at GNG club every Saturday night. See www.gngnb.ca for a list of upcoming events.) at 702 rue Principale, Petit-Rocher NB. Look for rainbow flag and/or door with pink triangle at rear of parking lot.

Integrity, Fredericton: Supports and encourages Gays and Lesbians in their spiritual lives. web: www.anglicanbeads.com/integrity/ (Watch our website for details of 2007 planned events, (coming soon). Membership in Integrity is not indicative of sexual orientation.) at St John's Anglican Church, 59 Broad Road, Oromocto, New Brunswick.

Moncton Line Dancing, Moncton: LINE DANCING for all levels from beginner to advanced. No partner required. No dress code., , meets every Wednesday (8:30pm sharp) at Triangles Bar, corner of St. George and Archibald.

PFLAG Canada, Moncton: Supporting all people with questions or concerns about sexual orientation and gender identity issues. (506) 869-8191 email: monctonnb@pflagcanada.ca web: www.pflagcanada.ca/moncton.html, meets 3rd Monday (Occasionally on the 2nd Monday — please call) at 7:30-9:30pm, University of Moncton, Adrien-J.-Cormier Bldg., Room 302

PFLAG Canada - Fredericton, Fredericton: all welcome. (506) 455-7190 email: pflagfredericton@yahoo.ca web: www.geocities.com/Pflagfredericton/, meets 4th Tuesday (7-9 pm (except December: 2nd Tuesday)) at Unitarian Fellowship of Fredericton 874 York St. Fredericton NB E3B 3R8

PFLAG Canada - Sackville/Amherst: Support and education for GLBT2IQQ persons, friends & family. 506-536-4245 email: sacknb-amns@pflagcanada.ca web: www.pflagcanada.ca/en/prov-list-e.asp?RegionNo=6&ProvAbbr=NB, meets 2nd monday (Phone or e-mail for meeting location and details.) at Sackville:112 Main Street or Amherst: 12 La Planche Street

PFLAG Canada - Sackville/Amherst, Sackville NB/Amherst NS: Support and education for GLBT2IQQ persons, friends & family. 506-536-4245 email: jhammock@mta.ca, meets 2nd Monday (7:30 to 9:30pm No meeting in July and August.) at Meeting location alternates monthly between Sackville: United Church Parlours, 112 Main Street, and Amherst: Maggie's Place, 12 LaPlanche Street

PFLAG Canada - Saint John NB, Saint John: Provides support to anyone dealing with issues of sexual orientation and/or gender identity. (506)648-9700 or 648-9227 email: saintjohnnb@pflagcanada.ca web: www.pflagcanada.ca/saintjohn, meets 1st Friday (1st Friday of each month September - June from 7:00- 9:00 p.m. No meeting in July & August.) at 116 Coburg Street in Saint John, New Brunswick in the Community Health Centre next to St. Joseph's Hospital.

Port City Rainbow Pride, Saint John: Pride Celebrations Committee. email: events@portcityrainbowpride.com web: www.portcityrainbowpride.com

River Of Pride, Moncton: Organizes, promotes and produces Moncton's Pride events!. email: monctonriverofpride2008@gmail.com web: www.fiertemonconpride.ca, meets 1st Sunday, and 3rd Sunday (contact laisha@nbnet.nb.ca for further meeting and event dates) at Triangles bar 234 St.George St. Moncton NB

Safe Spaces Fundy Region, Saint John: Committed to ending discrimination around issues of sexual orientation in youth. email: safespaces@gmail.com web: www.safespacesfundy.com (See our webpage for schedule of meetings and socials etc @ www.safespacesfundy.com)

Safe Spaces Moncton Region, Moncton: Support Groups for GLBTQ Youth (14-25 years old). 506-854-3049 email: info@safespaces.ca web: www.safespaces.ca

Saint John LGBTQ Lending Library, Saint John: over 300 fiction and non-fiction titles. 634-8288 email: cqsunited@nb.aibn.com (open Monday through Friday, 9 AM to noon.) at the office of Centenary Queen Square United Church at 215 Wentworth Street.

SIDA AIDS Moncton, Moncton: offers support to people living with HIV and their families and friends, education and awareness. 859-9616 email: sidaids@nbnet.nb.ca web: www.sidaidsmoncton.com at 165A Gordon St., Moncton, NB, E1C 1N1

Spectrum, Fredericton: social and support group for students, staff and faculty at UNB and STU. email: spectrum@unb.ca web: www.unbf.ca/clubs/spectrum, meets every Tuesday (See webpage for schedule.)

The UNBSJ Q-Collective, Saint John: A social and support organisation for UNBSJ students, staff and faculty. 506-648-5737 email:

QCollect@UNBSJ.ca web: www.unbsj.ca/clubs/qcollective (The UNBSJ Q-Collective is interested in hearing from other university LG-BTQ organisations and would like to possibly meet or collaborate.) at Various locations; event particulars will be emailed to anyone who registers with the UNBSJ Q-Collective and/or who gets the UNBSJ weekly "E News". Past events include the annual Rainbow Peace March, guest speakers, movie nights, participation in Maritime Pride Parades, Supporters of PFLAG Canada's "Communities Encourage Campaign" and "Champions Against Homophobia".

UN sur DIX - l'Association des étudiant.e.s GLB de l'Université de Moncton, Moncton: Vise à éduquer, à sensibiliser et à offrir des ressources dans la langue française. email: unsurdx@umoncton.ca web: www.umoncton.ca/unsurdx/ (Visitez le site Web ou envoyez un courriel pour en apprendre davantage au sujet du travail que nous accomplissons.)

UNB/STU Women's Collective, Fredericton: Women of all ages and orientations, , meets every Monday at 5pm at the University Women's Centre at the SUB

Woodstock GLBT Youth Advocate and Family OutReach, Woodstock: Books, movies, advice, directions, contacts, and support etc. for the family. 328-4868 email: richardb@nbnet.nb.ca

Newfoundland & Lab (709)

AIDS Committee of Newfoundland & Labrador, St. John's: HIV/AIDS education and support for male/female/transgendered, all ages, Newfoundland and Labrador 579-8656 email: info@acnl.net web: www.acnl.net

Gay Urban Youth Zone Project, St John's: designed to increase HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, and STI knowledge and awareness 579-8656 (ext. 28) email: chris@acnl.net web: www.acnl.net at Tommy Sexton Centre 47 Janeway Place Pleasantville, across from the old Janeway Hospital AIDS Committee of Newfoundland and Labrador

LBGT-MUN Resource Centre, St John's: LBGT-MUN is an information/resource, service, and peer support centre staffed by trained volunteers!. 737-7619 email: lbgt@munsu.ca (Open Monday-Friday 9-4. Biweekly meetings for members and volunteers.) at Smallwood/University Center, UC-6022. Building located on Prince Phillip Drive. Call us! Get involved!

PFLAG Canada - St. John's: Information or referral to one of our parents. web: www.pflag.ca (For support or information on chapter meetings regarding PFLAG Canada contact Gemma Schlamp-Hickey, Atlantic Director at gemmahmickey@yahoo.ca or Diana Deacon, St. John's chapter contact at ddeacon@mun.ca)

St. John's Pride, St. John's: St. John's Official Pride Organization. 709-746-6564 email: info@stjohnspride.net web: www.stjohnspride.net

Port City Rainbow Pride, Saint John: Pride Celebrations Committee. email: events@portcityrainbowpride.com web: www.portcityrainbowpride.com

GLB CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE (SUNS): 494-6654 at c/o the Students' Union of NS Group Harrison Society, Cape Breton: Dances, Socials & Support Group for Cape Bretoners. (902)270-6969 email: groupharrisonsociety@yahoo.ca web: www.geocities.com/groupharrisonsociety, meets last Saturday (of every month Admission \$6.50 -\$5.50

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AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia, Halifax: non-profit, community-based AIDS organization, provincially mandated. (902)425-4882 email: acns@acns.ns.ca web: www.acns.ns.ca

Alcoholics Anonymous, Halifax: Live & Let Live AA Group for GLBT community. (902) 425-8383/422-4972 email: courage449@yahoo.com web: www.rationallunacy.com/court, meets every Monday (at 8pm) at St Matthews United Church, 1479 Barrington St, Halifax (Use side door near Maritime Centre at bottom of stairs)

Anonymous HIV/AIDS Testing, Halifax: 455-9656

Bedford United Church, HRM/ Bedford: An Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Canada - ALL welcome. 835-8497 email:

bedfordunited@eastlink.ca web: www.bedfordunited.com, meets every Sunday (9 am service - Casual and contemporary - with free coffee and muffins before church to take into this service. 11 am service - Quieter and more reverent in tone, coffee after service. Call to confirm worship times as occasionally we have a 10 am combined service.) at 1200 Bedford Hwy at Sullivan's Hill, near Atlantic Gardens

BLT-Womyn of Halifax, Halifax: Bi Sexauls, Lesbian, Transgender Womyn's Discussion Group. Sue's # 499-0335 email: sueandrews1964@hotmail.com web: ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/blt-womynofhalifax/ (Every second Sunday evening 6pm -7:30pm) at Dalhousie Women's Centre 6266 South Street (Beside Dalplex Driveway) Hope to see you at the next meeting!

Bluenose Bears, Halifax: Club for bears and those who like them. 463-4312 email: bluenosebears@accesswave.ca, meets 3rd Wednesday

Cape Breton University Sexual Diversity Centre, Sydney: We provide a welcoming environment for GLBTQ people and their Allies. 902-563-1481 email: sdc@cbusu.com (M-F 9-4pm. Call or drop by for event listings, Ally Training, and Anti-Heterosexism/Homophobia Workshops!) at the Students' Union Building, Cape Breton University.

Colchester Sexual Assault Centre, Truro: Provides support and information to anyone (GLBTQ included) affected by sexual assault and abuse. 902-897-4366 email: trurosexualassault@hotmail.com (Mon-Fri 9:30-4:30) at 80 Glenwood Drive

Cumberland Pride, Amherst & Area: for: gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and transsexual individuals. 660-5004 email: cumberlandpride@hotmail.com, meets 3rd Thursday (7:30 PM)

DalOUT, Halifax: LGBTQ Society at Dalhousie. 494-2190 email: dalout@dal.ca web: societies.dsu.ca/dalout, meets every Thursday (During the academic year we meet at about 7pm each Thursday night.) at Dalhousie University, check OUT our website or contact us for details

Frontrunners Halifax, Halifax: Running/walking club. 422-7579 email: [Bruce](mailto:Bruce.Greenfield@dal.ca)

Events >>

Amherst

Second Monday

PFLAG Amherst/Sackville - in Amherst one month, Sackville the next. 506-536-4245 email: jhammock@mta.ca, Sackville: 165 Main Street. Amherst: 12 La Planche Street.

First and Third Wednesdays

Amherst and Area, Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Youth Group Meeting, 7-9pm. Anyone who is GLBT or questioning their sexuality in the Amherst, Oxford, Springhill, Pugwash and Parrsboro areas is welcome, this is a safe space where anyone can come and feel safe in talking about their sexuality and just being themselves without fear of ridicule or harassment. lgbyamherst@hotmail.com, all emails confidential.

Third Thursday of each month

Cumberland Pride Support Group: Social and support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and transsexual individuals in Amherst, Nova Scotia. Meets the third Thursday of each month. Contact information: Gerard Veldhoven at 902-660-5004 or E-mail: gaylords_1975@hotmail.com

Annapolis Valley

Every Thursday and First Saturday of each month

The Annapolis Valley Gay Men's Coffee House meets every Thursday Evening from 7-9pm. Also on the first Saturday of each month we host an over 19 gay/lesbian dance from 9pm-1am. There are various themes for dances so call or e-mail for directions and info to the following: 902-765-2821 or menembracingmen @ hotmail.com or yahoo.ca.

Every Sunday

Valley Girls is a social group for lesbians in the Annapolis Valley. Coffee Group on Sundays. For more information e-mail the group at Valley_Girls@yahooroups.com.

Bridgewater

Third Saturday of each month

Wileville Dance. Smoke free. For more details call 685-3297 or email info@southshorepride.ca or www.southshorepride.ca

Cape Breton

Every 2nd Saturday

Pride Cape Breton Society hosts community dances at the Southend Community Centre in Sydney; admission just \$5, and open to those 19 yrs. of age and older.

Charlottetown

...see Prince Edward Island

Fredericton

Every Tuesday

Spectrum, UNB and STU's social and support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, queer, questioning, etc. students. As a group, our aim is to create a safe and supportive space for those who are questioning or discovering their sexuality, as well as providing a social outlet for members of the campus LGBTQ community.

While our membership is primarily composed of UNB and STU students, everyone is welcome to attend our meetings. 7 pm, Top floor of SUB 203 (in the Sexuality Centre, across from the Ballroom) Everyone is welcome! For more information please contact us at spectrum@unb.ca

Every Wednesday

UNB/STU Women's Collective, at the University Women's Centre in the SUB, 5pm. Contact Lyndsey Gallant at gynkr@stu.ca or call 450-3870.

Third Sunday of each month

GLB ANGLICANS AND FRIENDS Integrity is a nonprofit organization of Gay and Lesbian Anglicans and Friends. Membership in Integrity is not indicative of sexual orientation. Integrity Fredericton was formed in October 2004 and supports and encourages Gay Men and Lesbians in their spiritual lives. A Eucharist followed by a coffee hour discussion is held at 4:00 PM on the third Sunday of each month at St. John's, 58 Broad

Road, Oromocto. For more details check out website: www.anglicanbeads.com/Integrity

Fourth Wednesday of each month

PFLAG Fredericton meets at 7 PM at the Unitarian Fellowship, 874 York Street. Everyone welcome. Discussion, guest speakers, support and special events. For more information email pflagfredericton@yahoo.ca. Confidentiality assured.

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Halifax

Every Sunday

Safe Harbour Metropolitan Community Church, Halifax: a Christian Church with an affirming ministry to the GLBT community. Everyone is welcome! 453-9249 email: safeharbour@eastlink.ca web: safeharbourmcc.com, meets at 11 am at Veith House, 3115 Veith Street, Halifax

Every Sunday

Bedford United Church. 1200 Bedford Highway, Bedford. We are an Affirming Congregation and welcome everyone. Services at 9 am (Casual & Contemporary) and 11 am (Quieter & More Reverent in tone) Starting June 24-Sept. 9, one 10 am service. For more info, call 835-8497.

Second Sunday of each month

Play Group for Queer Families! 3-5pm Board Room (Play Room) at Needham Community Recreation Centre, 3372 Devonshire St (north end Halifax, near intersection of Duffus & Novalea, bus routes 7 & 9) Bring a snack for your child(ren). We will be collecting money from each family to cover the cost of the room rental, likely \$2-4 per week. For info, call 422-8780 or email lynnmacdonald@hfx.eastlink.ca

First and Third Tuesdays

Formerly known as the Queer/Straight Alliance, Mount Pride in the GLBTQ group at Mount Saint Vincent University. We are an active and online group that meets bi-weekly on Tuesdays at 12 noon in the diversity center in Roseria on campus, and online at mountpride@yahoo-groups.com. Possible events that are being planned for the winter semester include sexuality awareness week, movies nights, potlucks, guest speakers, and many more. There are always spontaneous meals and events that are always fun. This group is open to anyone who would like to join.

First and Third Tuesdays

LGB Youth Project Social Drop-in Nights. This is an unstructured event. It's a chance to hang out with old friends, make some new ones, and just talk about whatever, 6-9pm, 25 and under, 2281 Brunswick Street. Contact 429-5429, youthprojec t@youthproject.ns.ca, www.youthproject.ns.ca

Second and Fourth Tuesdays

LGB Youth Project 18 and under Support meetings. This is a structured environment, with facilitators present to keep discussions on track, while at the same time helping to lead the discussion in the directions that the youth wish to go, as well as making sure the group guidelines are enforced. The discussions focus on the youth present having a say, rather than the facilitators lecturing about whatever topic is being discussed, 7-9pm, 2281 Brunswick Street. Contact 429-5429, youthprojec t@youthproject.ns.ca, www.youthproject.ns.ca

Second Wednesday of each month

Spirituality for Lesbians, 7:30-9PM. We seek to deepen our relationship with God, knowing that God loves us and calls us into life just as he has created us. Persons of every or no denomination are welcome. For info about the place of the

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SUNDAY. @6pm - 7:30pm(Please remember when applying to this group, send full name and a contact number or call sue at 499-0335, everything is kept PRIVATE!) LOCATION:

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Lesbian, Transgendered women, who will meet to have open discussions, in a positive environment.

To discuss topics concerning ourselves and our community. This is a bi-weekly meeting on Sundays. http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/blt-

womynofhalifax/ or sueandrews1964@hotmail.com

First and Third Wednesdays

LGB Youth Project Movie Night, 25 and under, starting at 7pm. 2281 Brunswick Street. Contact 429-5429, youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca, www.youthproject.ns.ca

Second and Fourth Wednesdays

LGB Youth Project ages 18-25 Support meetings. This is a structured environment, with facilitators present to keep discussions on track, while at the same time helping to lead the discussion in the directions that the youth wish to go, as well as making sure the group guidelines are enforced. The discussions focus on the youth present having a say, rather than the facilitators lecturing about whatever topic is being discussed, 7-9pm, 2281 Brunswick Street. Contact 429-5429, youthprojec t@youthproject.ns.ca, www.youthproject.ns.ca

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Apr 13, 27, May 11, 25, June 8, 22

Koinonia Ecumenical Church - Meaning 'community'. Services bi-weekly at 12:30pm at Halifax Feast downtown. Pastor Elaine, 876-8771 or koinonia@ns.sympatico.ca

Halifax Youth Project Calendar

Youth Project events operate in a 4-week schedule. To find out what week we're operating in, please see our website or contact us! www.youthproject.ns.ca, youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca, 429-5429

Week 1

Monday - Transgender Discussion Group: A structured environment with facilitators present to keep discussion on track, while at the same time helping to lead discussion in the direction that the youth wish to go. The discussions focus on what trans youth have to say, rather than the facilitators lecturing about whatever topic is being discussed. A place to talk about trans issues and make new friends! 7-9 pm, 2281 Brunswick St.

Tuesday - Discussion Group (ages 18 and under) A structured environment with facilitators present to keep discussion on track, while at the same time helping to lead discussion in the direction that the youth wish to go. The discussions focus on what the youth present have to say, rather than the facilitators lecturing about whatever topic is being discussed. 6-8 pm, 2281 Brunswick St.

Wednesday - Discussion Group (ages 18-25) A structured environment with facilitators present to keep discussion on track, while at the same time helping to lead discussion in the direction that the youth wish to go. The discussions focus on what the youth present have to say, rather than the facilitators lecturing about whatever topic is being discussed. 7-9 pm, 2281 Brunswick St.

Week 2

Tuesday - Social Drop-in Nights (ages 25 and under) This is a facilitated but less structured event. It's a chance to hang out with old friends, make some new ones, and just talk about whatever. 6-8 pm, 2281 Brunswick Street

Wednesday - LBG Youth Project Movie Night (ages 25 & under) come out for a movie & popcorn! 7 pm, 2281 Brunswick St

Week 3

Tuesday - Guest Speaker & Discussion night (ages 25 & under) A new speaker every week to educate & spark discussion. This is a structured environment. 7-9pm, 2281 Brunswick Street Wednesday - Activity night (ages 25 & under) A chance to have fun and perhaps learn something new. Activities will be on this night lasting two and a half months. First activity class IMPROV classes. 6-8pm, 2281 Brunswick St

Week 4

Tuesday - Social Drop-in Themed Nights (ages 25 and under) This is a facilitated but less structured event with a fun & exciting theme. It's a chance to hang out with old friends, make some new ones, and just talk about whatever. 6-8 pm, 2281 Brunswick Street Wednesday - LBG Youth Project Movie Night (ages 25 & under) come out for a movie & popcorn! 7 pm, 2281 Brunswick St

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Moncton

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Third Monday of each month

PFLAG Moncton has monthly support meeting from 7:30-9:30 in room 302 of the Adrien-J. Cormier bldg at U de M campus. Everyone is welcome at our meetings.

Second and Fourth Mondays

SAFE SPACES MEETING, 7pm. Support group for GLB youth, 14-25. For more info, 869-6224 or safespaces@nb.aibn.com

Last Saturday

Moncton Leather Chapter Leather Nights at Triangles! With the interest and number of people that have started wearing Leather in Moncton, it only seems natural to have a monthly Leather Night so that any man or woman can wear their Leather and know that they will not be alone in doing so when they go to Triangles.

Moncton Bar & Business Calendar

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Wednesday: Learn to Line Dance - no charge!

Thursday: Karaoke Mystery Song - \$25 added each week until the correct song is picked! Beer / Bar Shots \$3 until midnight, Shooters \$2.75 all night

Friday & Saturday: Dance Music with DJ daBoss, Summer Special Beer with Shooter \$4 11pm-midnight

Sunday: Request all your favourite songs with DJ daBoss, Beer / Bar Shots / Shooters \$3 all night

Check out our monthly events page at www.trianglesbar.com, and send comments & suggestions to theirlgs@nb.sympatico.ca

Our colour parties are back - watch for the blue party, coming up June 2. Check our website for upcoming Colour Party dates.

Sackville

Second Monday

PFLAG Sackville / Amherst - in Sackville one month, Amherst the next. 506-536-4245 email: jhammock@mta.ca, Sackville: 165 Main Street. Amherst: 12 La Planche Street.

Saint John

Third Saturday

Gay Men's Supper Club, 220 Germain St. <http://www.portcityrainbowpride.com/> for more information.

Saint John Bar & Business Calendar

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Bisexuality in women is real — study

New survey challenges stereotypes that bisexuals are just “confused.”

By Aaron Burnett
Halifax resident Liz Fraser dates both men and women. But she doesn't call herself "bisexual," partly because of nasty social stigmas.

"The gay community is not huge on bisexuals because they feel that they're fence-sitters. The straight community is not huge on bisexuals because they feel they're just trying to get attention and be different," Fraser says.

Fraser prefers to call herself "unlabelled." But she does say although she has a boyfriend right now, she's no less attracted to women.

So, is bisexuality just "a stopover on the way to gay town," as the main character in the TV sitcom Sex and the City once suggested?

A new study published in January's issue of the American Psychological Association's journal, "De-

velopmental Psychology," suggests that idea is largely untrue.

"People are saying this really is their orientation. They're not confused or closeted," says University of Utah psychologist Lisa M. Diamond, who conducted the 10-year study on a group of bisexual, unlabelled and lesbian women. "That pattern of attraction is really quite stable. Even if your relationships change."

Discrimination (subheadline)

Diamond says although she had some respondents "change" from "bisexual" to "lesbian," it only happened in a small minority of cases. She says she now hopes the study will help raise awareness about the discrimination bisexuals face.

"Even in the gay community, bisexuals have often been viewed as the enemy or that they were dabbling and they couldn't be trusted,"

she says.

Heather Blom, another Halifax resident who dates both men and women, says she doesn't label herself, partly because of stereotypes depicting bisexuals as promiscuous.

"There is this common idea that bisexuals are dirty because they sleep with everyone," Blom says. "When I was spending a lot of time in the lesbian community, I was branded as a 'curious bisexual' and treated like shit."

Diamond's study leaves two possible theories for bisexuality. One is that it's a legitimate "third" sexual orientation, but another suggests that sexuality is much more fluid than we'd think.

This is where "unlabelled" people like Fraser and Blom come in.

What does "unlabelled" mean? (subheadline)

"Human beings in general are pretty unpredictable," Fraser says. "I know a lot of people who choose to be unlabelled because they want to remain open to all kinds of possibilities."

Dalhousie University professor Charlotte Loppie has completed extensive research on topics related to sexual orientation and teaches a popular course on human sexuality. She says more young people in sexual minorities are calling themselves "unlabelled."

"This subsection of the population is actually those people who are demonstrating some freedom in their sexuality by not subscribing to a label," Loppie says. "Most of what we do in our lives isn't static. It's dynamic. We grow and we change. Why would sexuality be any different?"

Loppie says "straight," "gay" and "bisexual" are just rough frames of reference for people and shouldn't be thought of as absolute things. She says that's because an individual person's sexuality is unique and can't always be easily classified.

Diamond agrees, saying that her study found several "lesbians" who



Heather Blom

had a relationship with a man given the right set of circumstances. In many cases, they had dated women both before and after a relationship with one particular man.

"Your orientation doesn't have the final word on what you're capable of experiencing," says Diamond.

"In the end, gender doesn't really contain certain qualities," says Blom. "It's people that contain certain qualities that are attractive."

Halifax Pride Update

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thing to get you in the mood for our 20th Anniversary celebration of Queer cultural history – will be coming your way in May and June. Finally, don't forget that Saturday, May 17 will be marked in Halif-

ax as International Day Against Homophobia & Transphobia and Halifax Pride will be working with NSRAP, the AIDS Coalition, the Youth Project, Gay Straight Alliances and other groups from across

Nova Scotia to make sure our voices are heard! But you'll have to visit our website www.halifax-pride.com to find out more about all these goings on! Happy 20th Anniversary Pride, Halifax!

Groups & Services

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and inclusive sexual health clinical services, education and workshops. 667-7500 email: shccc@ns.aliantzinc.ca web: cumberland-county.cfsh.info (9 - 5 drop-in or aptt) at 12 LaPlanche St. Confidential, hassle-free. Free condoms.

Sexual Health Centre for Lunenburg County, Bridgewater: Confidential info, education&support for everyone. Safer sex supplies, library, pamphlets, workshops. 527-2868 email: LunCo@NSSexualHealth.ca web: www.LunCo.cfsh.info (Hours vary. Open by appointment or by chance. Please call ahead.) at 4 Hillcrest Street Unit 8, Bridgewater. (On the corner of Dufferin and Hillcrest Streets). Closed during summers.

South Shore Pride Social Club, Bridgewater: for 19 & older. 685-3297 email: info@southshorepride.ca web: www.southshorepride.ca, meets 3rd Saturday (– dances -- 9:00PM to 1:00AM) at Call or email for location.

Tatamagouche Centre, Tatamagouche: We are an affirming centre, welcoming all gay, lesbian, and transgendered people. 1.800.218.2220 email: tatacentre@tatacentre.ca web: www.tatacentre.ca

Team Halifax, Halifax: All GLBT over 18, athletes and performance artists, as well as anyone willing to help out. 422-9510 web: www.teamhalifax.com (No fixed schedule at this time, look on website for further details.)

The Rainbow - Atlantic Awareness Society, (Cape Breton/Halifax/Annapolis Valley): email: tpineo@hotmail.com web: To be released

The Youth Project, Halifax: support, education and social activities for youth 25 and under from across Nova Scotia. 429-5429 email: youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca web: www.youthproject.ns.ca (support and connection across, Week one: Monday – Transgender Discussion group 7-9 pm; Tuesday – 18 & under Discussion group 6-8 pm; Week two: Tues. Drop-in - 6-8 pm; Wed. – Movie Night 7-9 pm. Week three: Mon. Transgender Discussion group – 7-9 pm; Wed. Activity Night. Week four: Tues. Threme Drop-in – 6-9 pm; Wed. Movie Night – 7-9 pm. A youth food bank and STI testing on site. Please refer to website for times and details.) at 2281 Brunswick Street.

Truro Pride, Truro: A group supporting GLBT individuals in the Colchester County. 895-0931 email: truropride@hotmail.com, meets every Wednesday (6:30 p.m.) at FairTrade Cafe on Prince Street, between Commercial and Dominion Streets.

Universalist Unitarian Church, Halifax: an inclusive liberal religious community 429-5500 email: chebucto.ca/religion/UUCH, meets

every Sunday (10:30) at 5500 Inglis St Valley Gay Men's Coffee House, Kingston: socials for gay men; gay & lesbian dances 19+. 765-2821 email: menembracingmen@yahoo.ca web: faceitwithpride.tripod.com (Coffee every Thursday 7-9pm, Dances on the first Saturday of the month, for the exception of November. There is two dances held in October, On the First Saturday and the Last Saturday of that Month and NO Dance in November.) at email or call for locations or special events or themes

Venus Envy Bursary Society: An annual award open to all women studying in NS. web: www.venusenvy.ca/halifax

WomynZone, Halifax: Social activities for womyn who love womyn in the Halifax region. email: womynzone@eastlink.ca web: www.geocities.com/womynzone

X-Pride, Antigonish: social & support group at X. 867- 5007 web: www.stfx.ca/people/xprise

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Abegweit Rainbow Collective, Charlottetown: Serving GLBT Islanders, their friends and families. 894-5776 email: info@arcpei.ca web: www.arcpei.ca, meets 2nd Tuesday (7:30 PM) at 144 Prince Street

AIDS PEI, Charlottetown: 566-2437 email: info@aidspci.com web: www.aidspci.com at 144 Prince Street

Gay PEI Mailing List, province-wide: Electronic mailing list for all GLBT, questioning and friendly, focus is on PEI. email: gay-pei-owner@yahoogroups.com web: groups.yahoo.com/group/gay-pei (It's an electronic list, there aren't meetings. You can join and start posting at groups.yahoo.com/group/gay-pei at any time. All first posts are moderated to stop spambots, otherwise, it's an open list.)

GLBT Youth group, Charlottetown: Safe Space Drop-Ins. 367-3408 or toll free 1 877 380 5776 email: youth@arcpei.ca web: youth.arcpei.ca (E-mail us for further details.) at 144 Prince St.

PEI Pride, Charlottetown: Organizing The Island Pride Festival. (902) 388-0969 email: pridepei@nsn.net web: www.peipride.com (See webpage for meetings www.peipride.com) at 286 Fitzroy Street

PFLAG Canada - PEI, Island wide: Providing support, education and advocacy for GLBT persons, their families and friends in PEI. 902-887-3620 email: pflagpei@eastlink.ca web: www.pflagcanada.ca, meets 3rd Tuesday at Ferry Road Centre, 24 Ferry Road, Cornwall, PE or Stratford City Hall check with Mary or Bill Kendrick on this months location by calling 902-887-3620.

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Opinion

Thank you for being a... fiend?

By Kevin Kindred

I had mixed feelings recently, reading of the passing of local Christian Evangelist and agitator Pastor Perry Rockwood. I'm not sure whether to follow the guidance of Mary Sunshine ("There's a little bit of good in everyone") or Alice Roosevelt ("If you don't have anything nice to say about someone ... come sit by me.")

Pastor Rockwood, if you don't recognize the name, was the 90-year-old leader of Halifax's Mission Bible Church and the man behind a worldwide radio program, the People's Gospel Hour. You might be a bit more familiar with some of his public comments about homosexuality. Most recently, you might have seen ads he placed in the local media in August—"THE BIBLE SPEAKS ON THE SIN OF SODOMY," followed by some select Bible quotes. (Not the ones about loving your neighbour.)

The literature promoted by his Ministry shows that homosexuality wasn't the only social issue he cared about. "God or Evolution" and "What's Wrong with Dancing?" make for pretty good reads, as does the (perhaps inevitable) "Watch What You Read!" Pastor Rockwood seems to have spent most of his time fighting the things I hold nearest and dearest—dancing, sodomy, liquor, pornography, the Pope. (Okay, we might have agreed on the Pope.)

Actually, the Pope was far from the only enemy Pastor Rockwood found within the ranks of religion. His entire ministry was founded on a high profile split with the local Presbyterian Church, whom he criticized for modernist trends—in 1943. He went on to vocally criticize such bastions of liberalism and sin as John Paul II, Jack Van Impe, Billy Graham, and any Christian who read any Bible translation other than King James'.

His was a kind of Christianity that made no allowances for modernity, left no room for evolution (in science, or in culture.) He dedicated his life to a keeping the world from progressing—a fight that, almost by definition, he was destined to lose. In a perverse way, I can't help but admire that kind of conviction.

More lately, he was becoming a bit of a pathetic figure in my mind. His ad campaign in August struck me as a desperation move, a few last sad blows from a man who had long ago lost the battle. A reporter told me that, in interviews over the situation, he was clamoring for a fight, expecting a lawsuit, a human rights complaint, maybe criminal charges. What he got was a lukewarm dribble of media attention, quickly drowned out by some story of violence that I can't remember now.

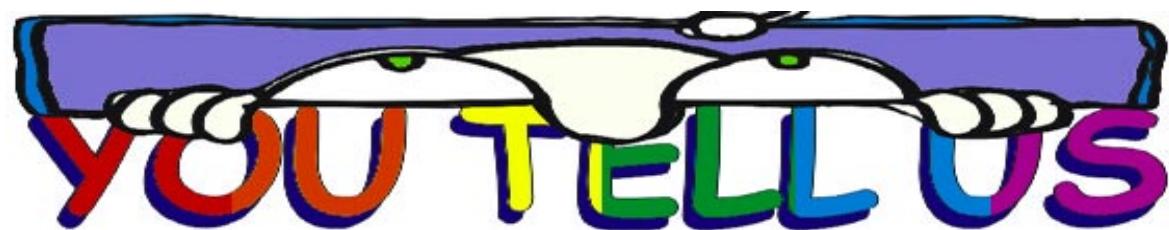
We as a community took up his challenge, and learned, I think, that the most effective way to deal with some vehement homophobes is to wait for time to pass them by. By watching Pastor Rockwood's



activity, I gained a bit of insight into what makes our opponents tick—sometimes it seems to be fighting for fighting's sake, as much as anything.

I can't say I saw eye to eye with him on just about anything, but for what I learned from Pastor Rockwood, I have to give him his due.

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Last month's question:

In the last Wayves we asked, "Do you go out of your way to read queer authors?"

We had nine respondents say "no" and almost as many say "yes." The "yes" sect said: "A Scarecrow's Bible by Martin Hyatt. Great writing style;" "Donald Noyes;" "Anthony Bidulka: Stain of the Berry;" "Anthony Bidulka;" "Dan Savage - The Commitment;" "Michael Thomas Ford;" "Sarah Waters: I loved the movies made from her books;" "Zoe Whittall." One person responded: Queer writers seem to be more grounded in their writing. If they are writing about gay culture, lifestyles-fictional or not, they have the ability to translate that to paper, an ability which is sometimes attempted but seldom achieved by "mainstream" writers. Their experience serves as best grounding tool a writer could possess."

Nine people answered "no" -- but two of those had eventually found their way to queer fiction: One writes "Skin Folk" by Nalo Hopkinson--Twisted faerie tales are amazing!" and the other said, "I read 'Dykewords' - a collection of lesbian fiction."

Six randomly chosen respondents who left their email addresses, received copies of Donald Noyes' "Natural Inheritance" which was reviewed in the last issue.

This month's question:

"Regardless of sexual orientation, most mainstream religions are less than accepting of sexual expression. Have you found a place to openly celebrate your sexuality and spirituality in an atmosphere of acceptance and support? Where is it?"

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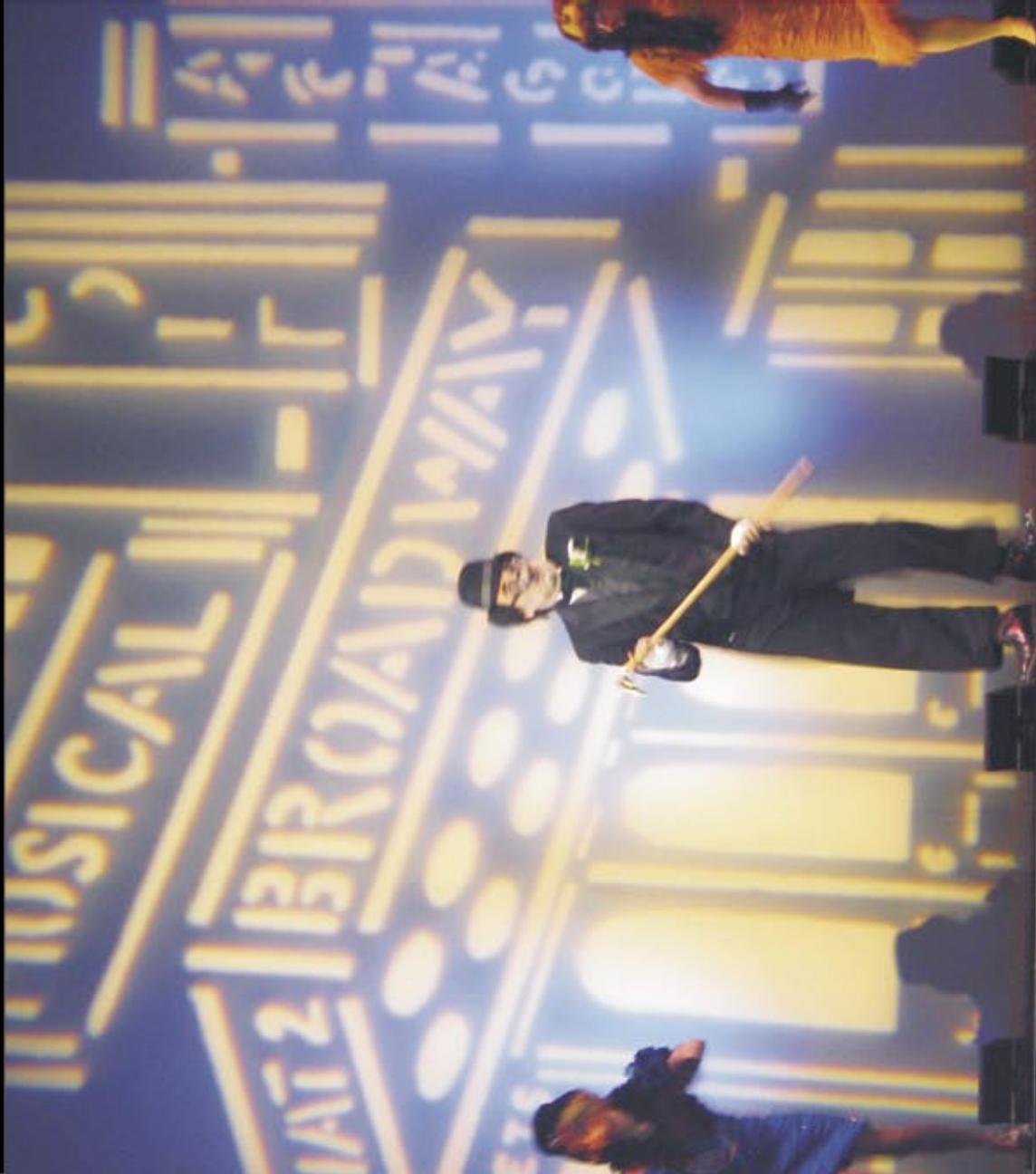


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